



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, May 13, 2014

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by President Linda Alexander. See list below for board member attendance (Quorum of 14 Board Members). Approximately 35 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Marcey Abrons	Present
Linda Alexander	Present
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Excused
Pat Carroll	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Harvey Contreras	Present
Mark Contreras	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Michael Boke	Removed from Board
Kali Merideth	Excused
Carrie Scoville	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Phill Trigas	Present
Allyson Vought	Present

2. **President's Report**

- a. Discussion on Board Training by DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment): It was determined that this item should be discussed in committee.
- b. Reminder to stakeholders about Selection 2014: Deadlines for submitting applications for board positions were provided and stakeholders were encouraged to vote.

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. Rachael Torres, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy: Talked about a policy campaign called raise LA. This is a living wage campaign being moved forward thru the city's Economic Committee of the city.
- b. Gary Dwight, Cabrillo Beach Boosters spoke about the upcoming Fourth of July event at Cabrillo Beach and hopes to be able to count on the Central SPNC for some funding.
- c. Dave Behar, Coastal SPNC stakeholder, commented on an email from Random Lengths publisher James Allen which he found inappropriate. The email included a slate of candidates being endorsed by Random Lengths for the Coastal San Pedro NC Selections.

- d. Ted Shirley, a Coastal SPNC stakeholder, also spoke against the email and slate endorsed by Random Lengths. He commented that he did not authorize to have his name included in the slate and was offended by the email.
- e. **Larry Smith**, Community Development Director for the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, spoke about the San Pedro Urban Greening Project. A map was distributed showing some of the green pathways that could be part of the Urban Greening Plan in San Pedro. Smith announced an upcoming open house and other events which will be held related to the project. The events begin with an Open House on First Thursdays at People's Place, 365 6th Street on June 5th, 5:30pm-8:00pm. Three workshops and two public events will be presented between June 21 and October 18, 2014.
- f. **Dave Behar**, Coastal SPNC stakeholder and President of Coastal SPNC, he is here to serve the community for the greater good and feels recent activities by Random Lengths has been disruptive to the cause of the neighborhood council.
- g. **Michael Gatanz**, People's Place, commented in support of the San Pedro Greening Project upcoming open house.
- h. **Andrew Silber** announced an event to discover the indigenous culture of the Filipino people at an event on Saturday, May 31st at the Croatian Cultural Center.
- i. **Carrie Scoville** spoke about her new position at the Work Source Job Training Center through the County. Announced upcoming free Job Training programs in May and June. Flyers were provided for stakeholders.
- j. **Patrick O'Donnell**, Long Beach City Council member announced his candidacy for the State Assembly for this district.

4. Public Safety

- a. **LAPD Report** – Senior Lead Officer Andrey Wilkins was not able to attend. Leslie Jones spoke on his behalf, reminding stakeholders to keep your windows closed to prevent burglaries which are prevalent during the summer months.
- b. **Introduction of new Neighborhood Prosecutor:** Lauren Halligan, the newly appointed Neighborhood Prosecutor was introduced along with Community Resource Specialist Jacquelyn Horton. Their goals are to improve the quality of life for communities in Los Angeles. They announced that their office is hosting a town hall meeting on June 26th with City Attorney Mike Feurer and others. The town hall will be a Q & A for the community to bring forth their issues. They would like the neighborhood councils to assist in getting the word out for the town hall meeting. To contact Jacquelyn Horton or Lauren: San Pedro branch office 310-702-0105 or email: jacquelyn.horton@lacity.org. Board members asked questions related to the problems with Medical Marijuana facilities, homelessness and also the cat problem on Upland Street.
- c. **CPAB Report:** No report given

5. Presentations:

- a. **Custom and Border Patrol (2 CBP Section Chiefs) Re: Issue of detaining crew members.** Ivan Sulic, the Congresswoman's Representative, gave an overview of the issue that the Central San Pedro had asked the Congresswoman's Office to investigate. A response to Central SPNC's letter to Homeland Security was received which prompted the CBP to send representatives. Ivan introduced representatives from the Long Beach office of Customs Border Protection (CBP), a division of the Department of Homeland Security. Highlights from the discussion included:
 - ✓ Crew members are granted conditional leave but if they leave the vessel with no intention of returning then they are considered "Deserters."
 - ✓ The CBP started seriously tracking desertions in 2011. That year they had 7 deserters. In 2012 they had 5 and in 2013 they had 13 deserters which they find unacceptable. In 2014 they have had only one deserter to date.

- ✓ They are concerned from a terrorism perspective. They evaluate crew members to determine who is “high risk”.
- ✓ In past months, the cruise ships have elected to hold all high risk crew members on board until they develop criteria for the future. They are penalized if a crew member does not return to the cruise ship. Each cruise line has different criteria.
- ✓ In April of 2014 the deserter numbers have decreased significantly and the criteria is being reworked to try to get more crew members off the ship for temporary leave.
- ✓ CBP attempts to retrieve any deserters and they circulate flyers in places they know the crewmen frequent.
- ✓ Crew transiting from LAX to the cruise ship have 28 days to get from LAX to the ship. Sea and Airline crews are different.
- ✓ The Port is threatened almost every day by terrorists. Their main goal is to keep the citizens of the US safe while keeping the economy going.
- ✓ Ivan will provide future updates on legislative actions related to this topic.

b. **Potential speaker – Topic: Engaging the Community:** No presentation.

6. **Boy Scout Camp at Cabrillo Marina, Board Approval of Letter:** Sue Castillo presented a letter brought forth by the Land Use Planning Committee which was approved by the Board with a vote of 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. Letter below:

*Port of Los Angeles
 Gary Lee Moore, P.E., Interim Executive Director
 425 S. Palos Verdes Street
 San Pedro, CA 90733-0151*

Subject: Port of Los Angeles property currently occupied as the “Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center”

At its full board and stakeholder meeting on May 13th, this neighborhood council voted 13-0 to affirm our position on access to the subject publically-owned parcel with beach access located between the Cabrillo Marina and the Salinas de San Pedro Salt Marsh.

This parcel is currently occupied and operated on a month-to-month basis as the private property of the Boy Scouts of America, subsequent to the conclusion of their long-term lease.

*We understand that you are currently preparing to issue a new RFP opportunity for this site. We urge you to commit to providing **substantial public access** to this valuable and unique waterfront site as you select a new site operator. The future operator should provide the opportunity to rent event space (at reasonable cost) within the building, camp and swimming pool facilities, similar to that provided by the Cabrillo Yacht Marina to the Cabrillo Plaza community building.*

The beach area itself should be declared a public beach subject to the common rules and regulations applied to public beaches, providing free and clear access to the public, and recreational opportunity for all.

We look forward to participating in your RFP selection process and commenting upon the options that are presented.

Sincerely,

Linda Alexander, President

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilman Joe Buscaino, Harbor District Office; Augie Bezmalinovich, Port of LA.

7. **Port Committee Report – Linda Alexander**

- a. **Appointment of Representatives to NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee):** Linda Alexander gave a brief background on the proposed committee. Sue Castillo suggested waiting until the new board is seated in July before making the appointments. The response was that the committee is in the forming stage and is anxious to get the Committee going. **Motion by Pat Carroll, seconded by Andrew Silber to appoint Frank Anderson and Carrie Scoville as Representatives to the newly formed Neighborhood Council**

Port Affairs Committee with Linda Alexander appointed as the alternate. He motion was passed with 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

- b. Report on Meeting with Cynthia Ruiz, Port of LA: Linda Alexander attended the meeting held by the Port with the Neighborhood Council Presidents. She referred everyone to the Port Report written by Augie which was included in the agenda packet and will be made available on the www.centrosanpedro.org website under the Port Committee tab.

8. **Port of Los Angeles Report - Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- a. Update on upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings
- b. The Port is offering Community Grants, application available on Port's website, deadline June 6, 2014. James Allen commented that on Page 5 of the application there is a disclaimer clause about no derogatory speech about the port. Allyson Vought would like to see funding for testing of a water taxi system.
- c. Harbor Community Benefits Foundation is also awarding half a million dollars for port related projects (deadline 6/27/14) and will be holding a workshop on May 28, more info at www.hcbf.org
- d. Ports O'Call: Negotiations continue. An additional 180 days extension has been granted to the Waterfront Alliance group (in 30 day increments)
- e. Executive Director Position at the Port: Interviews continue, an announcement should be coming soon. Carrie Scoville questioned the community's involvement in the selection process and would like to see it more transparent. In response, it was commented that the "headhunter" held focus groups. There is a subcommittee forming a short list.
- c. Upcoming events were announced including the Grand Opening of the Downtown Harbor Cut on June 20, 5-8pm; Cars & Stripes on June 27 from 5-10pm.

BREAK

(Note: The following board members did not return after the break: H. Contreras, M. Contreras, J. Guerrero and P. Trigas)

9. **Public Announcements**

- a. **Urban Greening event update:** Open House scheduled for First Thursday, June 5, 2014, at People's Place, 365 6th Street, 5:30pm-8:00pm.

10. **Land Use Committee Report** – Sue Castillo brought forth the following action items:

- a. **Phili B's Pizza, Beer and Wine License. Board approval of letter of support:** Sue Castillo presented a letter brought forth by the Land Use Planning Committee which was **approved by the Board with a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.** (One minor correct adding Mr. to Buscemi in the first and final paragraphs). Wording of letter below:

Councilman Joe Buscaino

Harbor District Office

638 S. Beacon Street, Suite 552

San Pedro, CA 90731

Subject: Phili B's Restaurant - proposed CUB/ Case # ZA 2014-0919(CUB)

On April 22, 2014, our Land Use Committee met with Phil Buscemi, owner of Phili B's, to discuss his proposal to sell beer and wine in conjunction with meal service at the 347 W. Sixth Street restaurant. Mr. Buscemi explained that although his intention is not to establish a bar, beer and wine were often requested by his patrons and that gaining permission to sell these would make his business more successful. The committee recommended support for the proposal, subject to the condition that alcohol service not begin until 11:00 am.

At its full board and stakeholder meeting on May 13th, this neighborhood council voted 9-0 to support Mr. Buscemi's request, subject to the same limitation on weekday alcohol service. We have no opposition to the issuance of a beer and wine license for this existing restaurant.

Sincerely,
Linda Alexander, President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

- b. **Crafted at the Port of LA & Brouwerji West. Board approval of letter of support:** Sue Castillo presented a letter brought forth by the Land Use Planning Committee which was **approved by the Board with a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.** The wording of the letter follows:

Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Office of Zoning Administrator, 7th Floor
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles
& BROUWERIJ WEST/ 110 & 112 E. 22nd Street, San Pedro

On April 22, 2014, our Land Use Committee met with the Director of CRAFTED to hear their plans for developing Warehouse 9 and grounds with a brewery, artisanal food market and one or more casual dining restaurants. We view CRAFTED as an important community asset and feel that the expansion of CRAFTED could only add to its value to the community.

At its full board and stakeholder meeting on May 13th, this neighborhood council voted 9-0 to support their development plans. We understand that these plans require:

1. A MASTER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (ALCOHOL), pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W.1 to allow the sale and/or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and off-site; including:

a. Five (5) on-site full line permits for other lease spaces located in section E of Warehouse 9, with the option for each of these full line permits to instead be beer/wine permits;
b. Two (2) on-site and off-site full line permit for retail or specialty grocery store with beer, wine or liquor tasting or other similar uses to be located in section E of Warehouse 9.

2. PLAN APPROVAL CUB (ALCOHOL), pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.M, to allow THE BREWERY AT WAREHOUSE NINE LLC, dba BROUWERIJ WEST, one (1) full line alcohol Conditional Use Permit and one (1) off-site beer/wine Conditional Use Permit under the Master CUB.

3. PLAN APPROVAL CUB (ALCOHOL), pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.M, to allow OFF THE VINE one (1) beer/wine Conditional Use Permit and one (1) off-site beer/wine Conditional Use Permit under the Master CUB.

Sincerely,
Linda Alexander, President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
cc: Councilman Joe Busciano, Harbor District Office; Capt. Jennifer Thomas, LAPD Harbor Division, Los Angeles Port Police

- ✓ Andrew Silber commented that he can provide the address for the ABC. Rachel Waugh from Crafted provided information on the zoning/conditional use permit. There was also a request to remove the word POLA from subject line.

- c. **Motion: Support the application for \$5000 to design and install a temporary Pop-up Event Space located on the existing San Pedro Public Library parking lot. (No expenditure of funds involved in this Action item):** James Allen moved to amend the motion to make it clear that no Red Box vending machine will be set up at the pop up event. The motion to amend was seconded by Donald Galaz and both motions were combined and approved with 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
- d. **Update on townhouse project on 8th Street:** Sue Castillo reported that the developers have not yet applied to the city yet so she would like to hold off and report on this item at a later date.
- e. **Update on Lilyan Fierman Project:** Sue Castillo reported that the project is moving fast. Presentation boards were available at the meeting for stakeholders to view the progress.

- f. **Update on Great Streets Project:** Sue Castillo reported that the Gaffey Street conceptual plan is being funded and Gaffey is being considered for “Great Street Status.” The Land Use Committee are walking Gaffey on Thursday at 2 pm with a consultant.

11. **CD15 Issues:**

- a. **Court house - public records request. Approval of expenditure for records:** Andrew Silber reported that he has not heard back after his comments at the last meeting. There has been no progress on this issue and no communication at all. James Allen stated that he spoke to the council office today and they say it’s a county issue. He suggests that Andrew ask for correspondence between court and councilman’s office as an Open Records Act request. Linda Alexander suggested that County Supervisor Don Knabe’s office should be contacted first for any communication on the subject. Andrew Silber would like the Councilman’s office to be more responsive to this issue since the Courthouse is a piece of property in the center of a retail area that he represents. Bill Roberson explained that at this time the State owns the property as a capital object and they are now assessing the market value of the property. Buscaino and Knabe have really no authority on the matter. The Whittier Courthouse is going to be put to use as a law school. If we think creatively, we can suggest a use for the building. In the meantime, Sue Castillo suggested the item be put on the Land Use Planning Committee agenda to generate a list of possible uses for the courthouse.
- b. **Crack in terrazzo at Warner Grand.** Discuss next steps. James Allen reported that the Councilman’s office is not responding. He spoke with Lee Sweet of the Warner Grand who informed James that back in February 2012 they got a bid from the Arcadian Flooring Co. for \$24,430. Apparently, the Council Office had known about this bid, however, Lee Sweet stated that there are some problems with it. James suggests that we invite the Cultural Affairs Department and the Historical Preservation people from the City, along with Liz Schindler and get everyone to work together to solve this issue.

12. **Selection Committee Report:** Update on 2014 Selections – out reach for dates and people need to campaign and volunteers to talk up the council.

13. **Finance Committee:**

- a. **Approval of bank statements:** The April 21, 2014 bank statement was presented to the Board for Approval. *The board voted to approve the April 21, 2014 bank statement by a vote of 9 yes (Abrons, Allen, Carroll, Castillo, Galaz, Jones, Scoville, Silber and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention (L. Alexander)*
- b. **Review and Approve Recommendations of Adjustments to Budget from Finance Committee:** Carrie Scoville gave an overview of the recommendation from the Finance Committee. *The following recommendations for adjustments were approved by a vote of 9 yes (Abrons, Allen, Carroll, Castillo, Galaz, Jones, Scoville, Silber and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention (L. Alexander)*
- ✓ *Move 118.04 from 203b Homeless Event to 203e Pancake Breakfast*
 - ✓ *Move \$20 from line 101 to line 301 (CIP)*
 - ✓ *Move \$66 from line 102 to line 301 (CIP)*
 - ✓ *Move \$206.76 from line 105a to line 301 (CIP)*
 - ✓ *Move \$64.99 from line 105b to line 105a (office supplies)*
 - ✓ *Move \$90 from line 301 to line 105a (office supplies)*
 - ✓ *Move \$761 from line 107 to line 301 (CIP)*
 - ✓ *Move \$180 from line 201 to line 511 (Bus bench ads)*
 - ✓ *Move \$89.10 from line 301 to line 201 (tote bags)*
 - ✓ *Move \$70.99 from line 301 to line 201 (pins)*
 - ✓ *Move \$150 from line 201 to line 512 (election posters)*
 - ✓ *Move \$150 from line 203 to line 203d (greening wrkshp)*
 - ✓ *Move \$69.02 from line 203b to line 301 (CIP)*

- ✓ Move \$64.32 from line 301 to line 203b (homeless forum)
- ✓ Move \$50 from line 203c to line 203d (greening wrkshp)
- ✓ Move \$25 from line 203c to line 301 (CIP)
- ✓ Move \$200 from line 205 to line 513 (food/poll wrkrs)
- ✓ Move \$320 from line 301 to line 511 (Bus bench ads)
- ✓ Move \$100 from line 301 to line 512 (election posters)

- c. **Motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation to fund \$275 for the 2014 Congress of Neighborhood.** Motion passed with a vote of 9 yes (Abrons, Allen, Carroll, Castillo, Galaz, Jones, Scoville, Silber and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention (L. Alexander)
- d. **Motion by Pat Carroll, seconded by Sue Castillo, to amend the Finance Committee's recommendation from \$3500 to an amount not to exceed \$4300 for Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Harbor Interfaith Services for purchase of food for distribution to low income families in our district.** Motion passed with a vote of 7 yes (Abrons, Allen, Carroll, Castillo, Galaz, Scoville, Silber and Vought), 0 no, 3 abstentions (L. Alexander, L. Jones and A. Vought).
- e. **Motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation that \$5000 be encumbered in the 2014-2015 Fiscal year budget to support the Harbor Division LAPD "Young Women's' Violence Prevention Conference" October 2014 – will be voted on by board with proposed budget.** Motion to encumber \$5,000 for this event passed with a vote of 9 yes (Abrons, Allen, Carroll, Castillo, Galaz, Jones, Scoville, Silber and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention (L. Alexander)
- f. **Additional items recommended by Finance Committee presented for Board Approval:**
The following items were approved by the Board with a vote of 9 yes (Abrons, Allen, Carroll, Castillo, Galaz, Jones, Scoville, Silber and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention (L. Alexander)
 - ✓ Increase of \$89.10 for tote bags which were approved at \$900 on 8/13/13
 - ✓ Approval of up to \$90 for office supplies
- g. **Potential Funding of LAPD Art Project** – No action taken.

14. Outreach Committee:

- a. Shopping Bags w/Central SPNC logo: A brief update on the cost of the bags was included in the Finance report. The bags will be given out for promotion during the Selection.
- b. Bus Bench advertising: Allyson reported that there are 5 bus bench ads for "get out the vote" which are free except for the printing costs.
- c. Selection Outreach: The distribution list currently has approximately 1,300 email addresses which will be used for promoting the Selection.

15. Bylaws Committee Report: No report.

16. HANC Report: A written copy was included in the agenda packet.

17. Approval of April 8, 2014 Minutes: The Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Minutes were approved by the Board with a vote of 9 yes (Abrons, Allen, Carroll, Castillo, Galaz, Jones, Scoville, Silber and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention (L. Alexander)

18. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, NC Asst
(Reviewed by Secretary, Pat Carroll)